

## PLANTS OAK TREE AT MOUNT VERNON

District Federation of Women's  
Clubs Pays Tribute to  
Washington's Memory.

### MANY WITNESS CEREMONY

With appropriate ceremonies, an oak sapling was planted in the grove across the road from the tomb of George Washington, in the Mount Vernon estate, yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs, with the forestry committee of the federation in direct charge, as a mark of veneration for the father of this country.

"It is only fitting that we should plant an oak tree in honor of the father of our country," said Mrs. W. E. Andrews, a former president of the federation, "for it truly is representative of Washington. He was as strong as an oak and was never worried by the winds of adversity and sorrow that blew about him, as this oak shall never have to bend to the winds that will sweep through its branches."

The ceremony was declared by Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, chaplain of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to be a sign that the women of the country have not allowed their patriotism to languish and that such a ceremony showed that the women of the country still revered the father of the country and that they still believe in his ideals.

**Gift to Board of Regents.**

The tree was presented to the board of regents of the estate by Mrs. Anson Rogers Tracy, who said that as it grew it should be a symbol of the growing devotion of the women of the country to the nation, as their organizations grew in power, and that as the

branches come out, giving it added power and dignity, so the women's organization will branch out for the good of the nation.

Harrison Dodge, superintendent of the Mount Vernon estate, received the tree on behalf of the board of regents, and said he knew that because of the thing it symbolized and because of the spirit in which it was planted it will be sure to grow and flourish.

Mrs. Addie W. Foster, chairman of the forestry committee of the federation, threw in the first shovelful of earth, and Mrs. Court E. Wood, president of the federation, the second shovelful. All the women present, each representing a club, society or other organization, also threw in dirt, as did several male friends who accompanied the party. Mrs. Harry Cunningham led in the singing of "America."

**Original Poem by Mrs. Kent.**

Mrs. Alexander Kent presented the birdhouse for the tree, accompanying the gift with an original poem:

We meet, kind friends, on sacred soil,  
When long years of weary toil  
Have brought you here to-day,  
To plant a living link in God  
And His dear children's way.

That same grand truth is ours today:  
No one can plant a tree  
Without a living link in God  
And His dear children's way.

So plant we here this little oak:  
Best loved by womanhood;  
Endowed with beauty, strength and power,  
Great help to human good.

The tree points upward to the sky—  
So raise our thoughts above;  
Branches point to every place,  
Embracing all in love.

Here little birds can welcome find,  
To build a cozy nest;  
And underneath this growing shade  
May find their happy rest.

Strangers will come from many lands  
And look upon this tree;  
And here, in quietude of thought  
May find their happy rest.

**Mrs. Augusta Knight's Address.**

Mrs. Augusta Knight, in the course of her address, where trees have had a great influence upon man.

"It is said that a wonderful plane tree at Delphi was planted by the ancestors of Agamemnon, under which the Greek oracles held their conferences, propounded their prophecies and sang their hymns of praise to the gods. It may be that this poetic tradition inspired Handel to write his 'Largo,'" she said. "This well known melody was written originally for his opera 'Xerxes,' produced in 1738. I never hear the 'Largo' but there instantly arises in my imagination a tree of unsurpassed beauty, with extended arms, offering shelter to the weary traveler.

"My prayer for this oak sapling is that it will become great and beautiful,

with an enduring influence for patriotism and loyalty. Then we, in our prime, can sing in the words of the ever-living 'Largo,' 'Thy shade gives rest. Thou art of all I know, among all the trees that grow, the dearest and best.'"

An original poem by Jesse L. Engle of the literature department of the federation was read by Mrs. Charlotte B. Main, the closing verse of which was:

And may this oak tree, planted here today,  
Thrive in Mount Vernon's classic grove;  
Withstand the storm, but not to the heavy blast,  
And perpetuate our patriotism and love.

**Federation Complimented.**

Mrs. Main, in an address, complimented the federation upon selecting an oak tree in honor of Washington, declaring it typified his great strength of character, making him a "monument among men." She went on to show the great debt man owed to trees, and how in return man abused them.

A reading from Henry Ward Beecher's Star Book, entitled "Among the Trees," was given by Mrs. James Waterman, corresponding secretary of the federation.

Addresses also were made by Margaret Huddleston, vice chairman of the forestry committee of the federation, and Dr. Ella Marble Tandberg, the first president of the federation. Mrs. Court E. Wood closed the exercises with an address on the tree as a memorial to Washington.

Following the exercises, the members of the party went on a sightseeing tour of the grounds, after which came an informal luncheon. A number of members of the Daughters of the American Revolution were present at the tree planting ceremonies.

**Convicted in Chicago Court of Violating the Interstate Commerce Act.**

CHICAGO, November 11.—Fines totaling more than \$171,000 were assessed by Federal Judge Landis today against Swift & Company, packers, and a number of railroads convicted of violating the interstate commerce act. In most of the cases the charges were robbing or in shipping less than carload shipments at carload rates.

**Fines Imposed.**

Swift & Company were fined \$50,000, the Pennsylvania railroad, \$20,000; the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad, \$20,000, and the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railroad, \$20,000 in one case and \$50,000 in another.

In addition, fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 were assessed against the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. These fines were in most instances for failure to comply with the twenty-eight-hour cattle law against permitting live stock to remain in freight cars more than twenty-eight hours at a stretch, without attention.

**On Charge of Rebating.**

The Pennsylvania line and the \$20,000 fine against the P. C. C. and St. Louis were for rebating to the W. H. Merritt Company, a Chicago Board of Trade firm, while the \$50,000 fine was for rebating to B. A. Eckhart, head of the Eckhart Milling Company. Mr. Eckhart was tried for the same offense some time ago, but the case was thrown out of court by Federal Judge Anderson.

**Safety in Fumigation.**

After fumigation of a vessel in the ports of the United States, under direction of the public health service, a precaution of the deadly cyanide gas is employed, "a captive animal—guinea pig, rat, cat, etc.—shall be lowered and exposed to the aerial contents" of the inclosed spaces so fumigated before any one shall be permitted to enter the compartments. The effect produced on the captive animal is to be a guide in estimating the danger.

So says a regulation issued by the public health service, signed by Surgeon General Blue. The regulation provides for "safeguards to be observed in performing fumigation with hydrocyanic gas."

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## WASHINGTON BOYS WHO RECENTLY JOINED NAVY ARE NOW AT THE NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL, NEWPORT, R. I.



Left to right—Benjamin Blinford Griffin, enlisted October 12; Edward Ransome Jones, enlisted October 6; Charles Davis Morris, enlisted October 12.

## ASSOCIATION TO EXHIBIT ALL SORTS OF POTATOES ON SEASON'S ACTIVITIES

Typical Tubers of Leading Varieties  
to Be Shown at New National  
Museum.

All sorts of potatoes, big and little, will be on exhibition at the third annual meeting of the National Potato Association of America, which opens a three-day session at the New National Museum tomorrow afternoon. This will be one of five national agricultural organizations to begin conventions here tomorrow, besides which the annual convention of the potato breeders' association will continue its sessions here Friday, and later in the week three more agricultural conventions will commence.

The potato exhibit, to be staged in the foyer of the Museum building, will be of particular interest to the layman, as everybody eats potatoes.

**Specimens From Various Sections.**

This exhibit will consist of typical tubers of the leading commercial varieties, from various sections of the United States; samples of graded table stock, certified seed stock, and manufactured potato products, including specimens of chuno, a dried potato product of Peru and Bolivia. The collection of the fresh potato into the dried article, known as chuno, had probably been practiced for centuries prior to the subjugation of the Incas by the Spaniards.

Another interesting feature of the exhibit will be that of a collection of South American potatoes, interesting because it illustrates the fact that although they came from what is presumably the original home of the potato, yet at the present time they are so greatly inferior to our present commercial varieties that they are unworthy of consideration, except as they may furnish desirable stock for breeding purposes.

**Illustrated Addresses Scheduled.**

The Monday afternoon session will be largely devoted to business and technical papers, but the session on Tuesday night will be of interest to the consumer of potatoes as well, it is announced. President L. D. Sweet will deliver a motion picture illustrated address on modern methods of potato culture in this country and abroad, while W. F. Wight of the bureau of plant industry will give an illustrated lecture on "The Home of the Potato and Its Culture in South America." H. A. Edson of the same bureau will speak on "Present Knowledge of Potato Diseases: What They Are and How to Control Them."

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**Patrols in Contest.**

Patrol led by Roy by Blue Buffalo Patrol; second, Silver Fox Patrol; third, Beaver Patrol; fourth, Black Bear Patrol.

F. E. Matthes, scoutmaster of the troop, was clerk of the course, and Earl B. Fuller was field judge. Victor Hartshorn was assistant clerk of the course, and Sidney Leech was starter and timer.

The troop is to hold an aquatic meet Friday night.

**TWO MEDALS AWARDED.**

Marguerite Hanen and Evelyn Jarves Win in W. C. T. U. Contest.

Marguerite Hanen, thirteen years old, won a medal in a joint musical and declamatory contest Friday night at the Douglas M. E. Church under the auspices of the North Capitol W. C. T. U. for her rendition of Koelliker's "Rhapsody Mignonette." Evelyn Jarves, eleven years old, was awarded a medal for her recitation of "The Two Glasses."

Mrs. Nellie Northrup, recited "The Little Boy and the Bear" and "If You Only Knew." Mrs. S. H. Wiley was the chairman of the entertainment committee. The contest was the fourteenth of its nature conducted by her.

Mrs. Lillian Moore, vice president of the District W. C. T. U., presented the medal to Miss Hanen and Mrs. Matthes. Mrs. Lillian Moore, vice president of the District W. C. T. U., presented the medal to Miss Hanen and Mrs. Matthes. Mrs. Lillian Moore, vice president of the District W. C. T. U., presented the medal to Miss Hanen and Mrs. Matthes.

**Capital's Plans Made for Electrical Week.**

Plans for the observance of America's electrical week, December 2 to 9, were discussed by business men of Washington at a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Occidental Hotel, with John C. McLaughlin, general chairman of the committee of arrangements, presiding.

It was decided to have the formal opening here Saturday, December 2, with an electrical show in the evening, instead of an automobile parade, as originally planned. It was stated that the parade, for which costly prizes will be awarded, has not, however, been abandoned, and probably will take place on the evening of December 1.

**Picking Route for Parade.**

Charles M. Marsh, chairman of the committee in charge of the parade, is engaged in arranging the route. A tentative route for the parade has been submitted to the District Commissioners for their approval.

The electrical show is to be held at 1212 G street, which will within the next few days be arranged for the display. The show is to be open from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily, and admission is to be free.

As part of the celebration window dressing contests will be held, for which prizes are to be given. There is also to be a prize essay on "The Electrical Industry and Conditions Governing These Contests" to be announced shortly.

**Post Office Directs Employees to Deliver Letters to Addressees Only.**

Inquiries from postmasters as to the proper method of handling mail addressed to "Mr. John Jones, or to Front Street, Waukegan, Ohio," have led to the issuance of instructions on this subject by the Post Office department. In these instructions postmasters are advised that they are to disregard the word "or" and treat such mail as deliverable to the person whose name is stated in the address.

The inquiries, it is stated at the department, indicate that mailers of advertising material are addressing their mailing in an unduly cautious manner as that indicated above, with the idea that such mail will be delivered to the street address, regardless of the whereabouts of the addressee, whose whereabouts on the address. The department calls attention to the fact that its employees are not permitted to do this.

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## CARDS OF THANKS.

**KIEFER.** We wish to thank our friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral offerings extended on the death of our daughter, GRACE KIEFER, who passed away November 10, 1916, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited.

**MR. AND MRS. JOHN P. KIEFER.**

**McGARRY.** We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our many friends and relatives for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes extended to us during the illness and the death of our dear mother, JULIA McGARRY, who passed away November 10, 1916, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited.

**THE FAMILY.**

## MARRIED.

**KAVANAUGH-McKENNY.** On Saturday, November 11, 1916, by the Rev. F. A. McKenny, at Cathedral of Baltimore, the marriage of Miss LILLIAN M. KAVANAUGH, daughter of Mr. J. J. Kavanagh, of Buffalo, N. Y., to Mr. JAMES C. MCKENNY, of Buffalo, N. Y.

**SEELY-BAUMANN.** Miss LILLIAN BAUMANN, daughter of Mr. J. J. Baumann, of this city, was married in New York on October 23, 1916.

**SIMPSON-KIENY.** The marriage of Miss LILLIAN M. KAVANAUGH, daughter of Mr. J. J. Kavanagh, of Buffalo, N. Y., to Mr. JAMES C. MCKENNY, of Buffalo, N. Y., was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, November 10, 1916, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited.

## DIED.

**ALBERT.** On Friday, November 10, 1916, SARAH ALBERT, beloved wife of the late Allen Albert, died at 1271 Kiltmore, at 2 p. m. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery, on Monday, November 13, at 2 p. m.

**ALLWINE.** On Friday, November 10, 1916, at his residence, 415 12th street northwest, CATHERINE LOUISE, beloved wife of John F. Allwine.

**BARNES.** On Friday, November 10, 1916, at 7:40 a. m., LAURA A., beloved wife of E. E. Barnes.

**COCKRILL.** On Friday, November 10, 1916, at 9 a. m., at his residence, 129 7th street northeast, WILLIAM A. COCKRILL, beloved son of Frank and Eliza Cockrill.

**DANIELS.** On Friday, November 10, 1916, at 11:15 a. m., ROBERT DANIELS, beloved son of Floyd and Mary Daniels.

**HOUCHEN.** On Saturday, November 11, 1916, at his residence, 412 E street northeast, ALICE M. HOUCHEN, beloved wife of William R. Houchen.

**JAMES.** On November 9, 1916, at the residence of her son, G. S. James, Hyattsville, Md., MARY J. JAMES, widow of James J. James, died at 11 a. m. Interment at Mount Olivet cemetery.

**KIDD.** On Thursday, November 9, 1916, Mrs. MARY A. KIDD of 1221 10th street northwest, died at 10:30 a. m. Interment at Mount Olivet cemetery.

**KOCH.** On Friday, November 10, 1916, at 9:45 a. m., at his residence, 1000 10th street northeast, FRED, beloved husband of Evelyn Koch.

**LANHAM.** On Saturday, November 11, 1916, at 1:45 a. m., at the residence of his son, at Fort Detrick, Md., EDWARD LANHAM, beloved husband of Emma Walker Lanham, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

**MANN.** Suddenly, on Friday, November 10, 1916, at 10:30 a. m., JOSEPH D. MANN, aged fifty-one years, died at the chapel of J. William Lee's Sons, 352 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, on Sunday, November 12, at 12 p. m. Friends invited to attend.

**SANDERSON.** On Friday, November 10, 1916, at 5:50 o'clock, at his residence, 161 Kenilworth avenue southeast, JENIE V., beloved wife of Charles E. Sanderson, aged fifty-four years.

**SHAW.** On November 11, 1916, at 1:45 p. m., DANIEL SHAW, beloved husband of Ella L. Shaw, aged seventy-two years, died at his residence, 1347 10th street northwest, on Sunday, November 12, at 12 p. m. Friends invited to attend.

## IN MEMORIAM.

**ANDERSON.** In sad and loving remembrance of our dear husband, father and grandfather, MATTHEW ANDERSON, who departed this life three years ago today, November 12, 1913.

Shades of night had fallen,  
Shutting out the light of day,  
When from a heavenly residence,  
To leave his spirit away,  
To the land of joy and bliss,  
He passed on peacefully,  
To dwell in the home of his Savior.

**BY HIS DEVOTED WIFE, ELLA ANDERSON,  
DAUGHTER, MISS EVA R. WILEY AND  
MELBA E. A. HEIGHT.**

**DOWNS.** In loving remembrance of our devoted mother, ANNA DOWNS, who departed this life three years ago today, November 12, 1913.

Thou art not forgotten, mother,  
And never will thou be,  
As long as life and memory last  
We'll cherish thee fondly,  
By thy devoted children, HARRY,  
ELMA AND CURTIS.

**EVANS.** Sacred to the memory of my dear mother, CHARLES EVANS, who departed this life seven years ago today, November 12, 1913.

BY HER DEVOTED DAUGHTER KATIE.

**HAWKINS.** In loving remembrance of our dear wife and mother, JANE HAWKINS, who departed this life four years ago today, November 12, 1912.

BY HER LOVING HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

**HOLLY.** In sad and loving remembrance of our dear brother and uncle, LEWIS HOLLY, who departed this life two years ago today, November 12, 1914.

I do not know the pain you bore,  
I did not see you die,  
I never saw you away,  
And never said goodbye.

BY HIS SISTER MAGGIE.

**JETT.** In sad and loving remembrance of my dear husband and father, WILLIAM R. JETT, who departed this life six years ago today, November 12, 1910.

BY HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

**LANCASTER.** In sad and loving remembrance of our dear wife and mother, LUCY LANCASTER, who departed this life two years ago today, November 12, 1914.

BY HER DEVOTED SON AND HUSBAND, L. L. LANCASTER.

**LEE.** In sad and loving remembrance of my dear husband and father, CHARLES H. LEE, who departed this life fourteen years ago today, November 12, 1902.

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